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CHAPTER II

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under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

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Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION	
Applicant's or agent's file reference ES/13370.23	
International application No. PCT/CA2004/000473	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/03/04 (Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 26/03/03
Title of invention STARCH NETWORKS AS ABSORBENT OR SUPERABSORBENT MATERIALS AND THEIR PREPARATION BY EXTRUSION	
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1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☐ the international application as originally filedthe description ☒ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 34the claims ☐ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)☒ as amended under Article 34the drawings ☒ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 342. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).4. ☐ The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: **ENGLISH**☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**

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Box No. VI CHECK LIST

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| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | 5 | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | 6 | sheets |
| 6. other (<i>specify</i>) | : | | sheets |

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